(c) the ratio of children enrolled in schools, especially the girls, in the coastal areas of Andhra Pradesh;

(d) whether Government is providing supplementary nutrition to adolescent girls; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI) : (a) to (e) At the national level, the Gender Parity Index (GPI) is 0.92 for classes I-VIII and 0.91 for classes I-XII according to data of 2005-06. For Andhra Pradesh the GPI is 0.99 and 0.96 respectively.

In East and West Godavari and Visakhapatnam districts in Andhra Pradesh, the enrollment of girls is 98.3%, while in the nine coastal districts of Andhra Pradesh, the ratio of girls enrolled in schools is 95.8: 100.

The Central Government in partnership with the States is implementing the programme of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) alongwith it's components of the Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs), the National Programme of Education of Girls at Elementary Level (NPEGEL) and the Mid-day Meal Programme to promote education of girls at the elementary education level. For the secondary stage of education, schemes for girls hostels and providing incentives to girls entering class IX are being implemented. The Central Government is providing supplementary nutrition to adolescent girls in select districts of the country.

Support to public schools in Assam

162. SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the funds under Central schemes like Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan and Mid-Day Meal are utilized in Assam for Government supported institutions only;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether more than 50 per cent of non-commercial public schools, run by public with Government concurrence, are yet to be supported by Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI) : (a) and (b) Apart from State Government run schools, Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) programme supports Government aided schools at elementary level for specified purposes *viz.*, provision of school grants, teachers grant, free text books, etc. Under the Mid-Day Meal (MDM) programme, mid day meals are provided to Government aided schools apart from Government run schools.

(c) and (d) SSA and MDM programmes do not assist private recognized unaided schools.